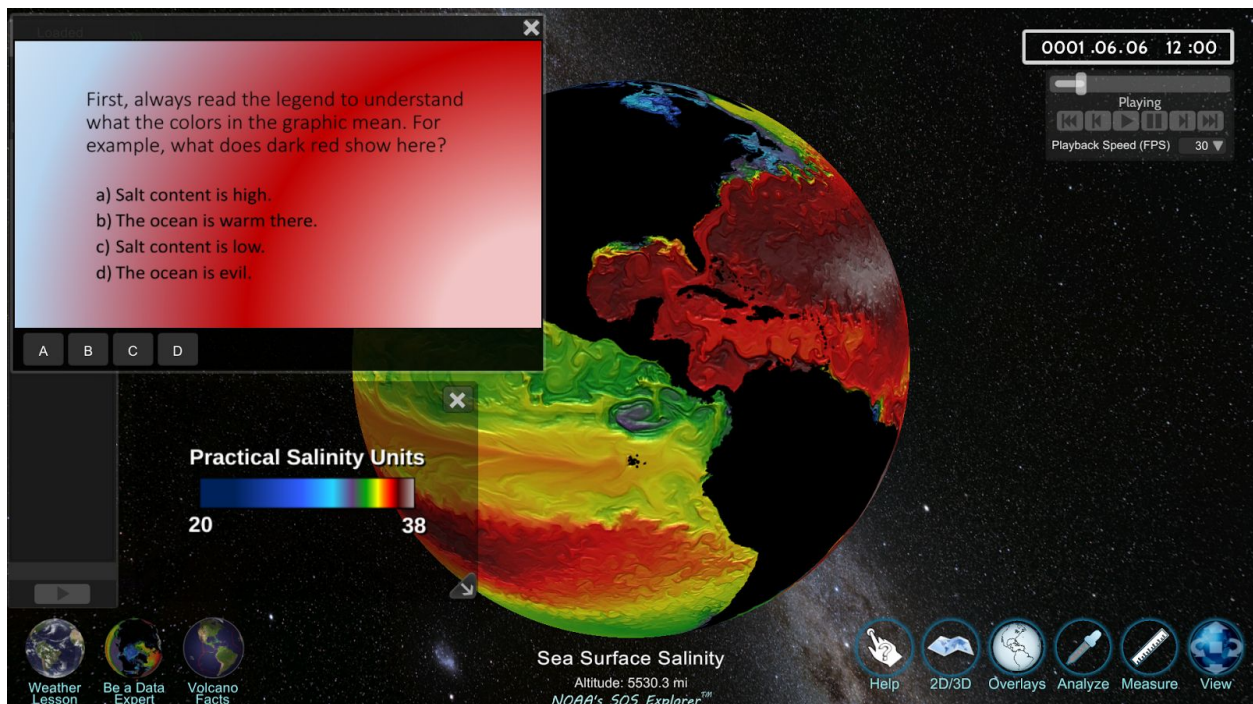


Introduction to SOSx Tours

Description:

SOS datasets can often be complex. In order to tell a story with datasets, to help our users make tangible and understandable connections between the animations and their lives, we invented “Tours.”

Tours are scripted presentations that walk a user through the datasets using a storyline and a learning goal. These often include text, guiding questions, pop-up web content, videos, pictures/diagrams, and click-able place marks. For example, see “Become a Data Expert” Tour screenshot below.



Using our new TourBuilder, you can now build your own tours! Once built, your tours will show up in your search window (if desired).

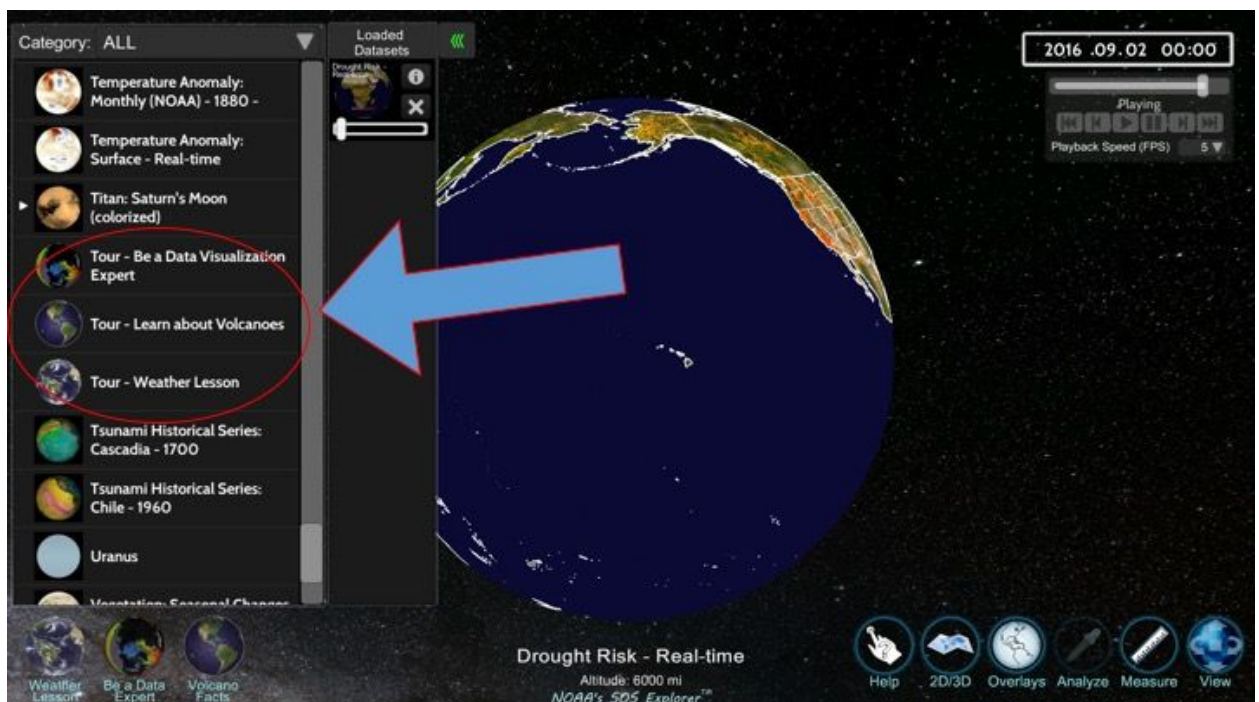
Accessing Tours:

NOAA managed Tours are launched three ways:

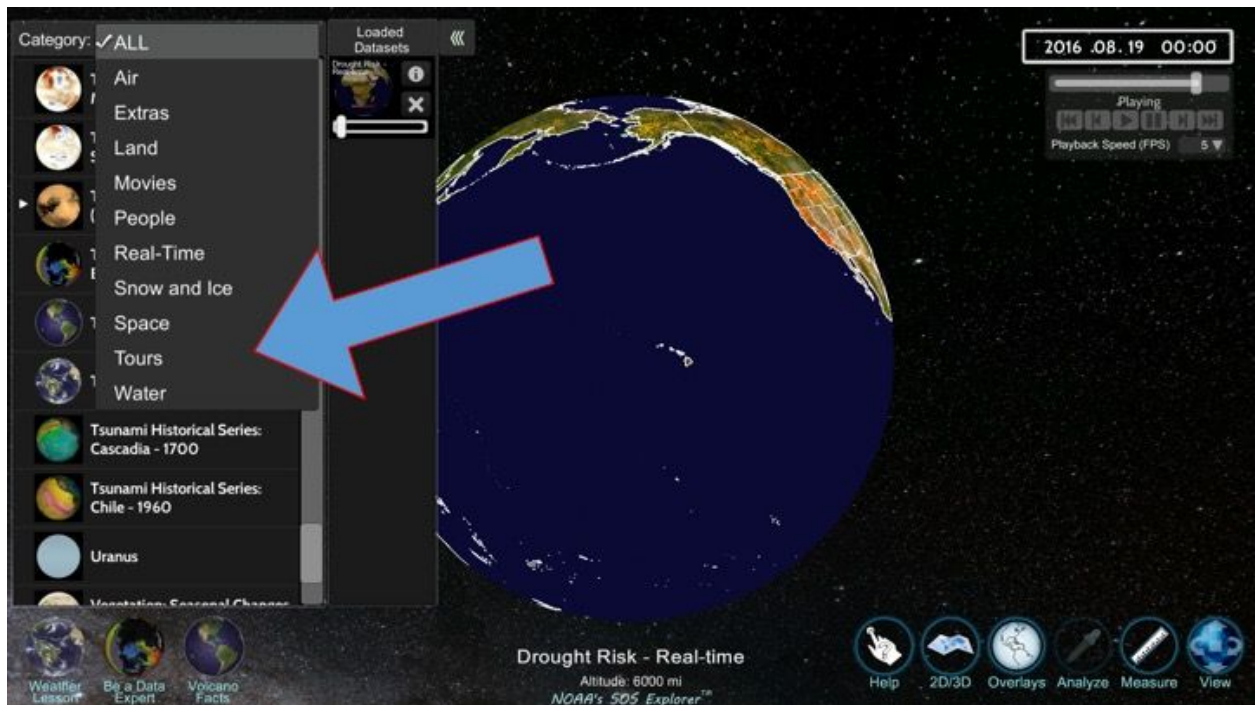
1. “Hot Buttons” that show up on the lower right corner of the touchscreen are linked to the tours. When clicked, hot buttons launch right into a tour.



2. Tours are all named “Tour - Weather Lesson” (for example) in order for them all to show up under the letter T in the alphabetical search window.



3. Tours are tagged “Tour” in their metadata files in order to show up in the Tour dropdown category when browsing.*



*Tip: We suggest that when you make your own tours, you follow protocol #2 & 3 in order to find yours the same way.